

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, line 3, add the heading --BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 2, line 5, add the heading --SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION--.

Page 3, line 17, add the heading --BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWING--.

Page 4, line 2, add the heading --DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF PREFERRED EMBODIMENTS--.

Page 17, after the heading "CLAIMS" and before the first claim add --What is claimed is:--.

**Replace paragraph [0005] as follows:**

-- [0005] Hence an object of the present invention was to ~~simply and also subsequently~~ modify in a simple manner, even subsequent to the basic dye synthesis, certain physical and/or chemical properties of these dyes such as their solubility in certain media, their tendency to interact unspecifically with substrates and/or vessel walls or their coupling ability without essentially changing the very good spectral properties of the dyes.--